

Marine Safety Information Bulletin 02-08 January 10, 2008

Rescheduled - Channel Blockage, Sabine River, Orange, Texas January 11, 2008

Operations to ballast and unload a new construction drill rig have been rescheduled for daylight hours on 11 January, 2008. Traffic on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, the Neches River, and the Sabine Neches Waterway will not be affected.

During this time period, Signal International personnel and equipment will perform loading, ballasting, and unloading operations of a new construction drill rig and related equipment along, and extending from, their Front Street bulkhead, and in the area downriver adjacent to Crumpler Shipyard.

The operation will begin at the Front Street Dock at 05:00 A.M. on the morning of Friday, January 11, 2008 and extend to the vicinity of Crumpler Shipyard. All work is expected to be finished at approximately 5:00 P.M. on Friday, January 11, 2008.

Because the operation will necessitate using all available river space, bank to bank, traffic will not be able to pass the work site until the operation is complete on the evening of January 11.

For this operation, a Safety Zone will be in effect. Traffic wishing to transit this area should coordinate with Vessel Traffic Service Port Arthur on VHF channels 65A, 16, or 13.

Questions about the operation can be addressed to Mr. Jim Booker at Signal International at 409-460-0998, or by VHF radio to the MV's Mr. Jerry or Miss Carol on scene.

This notice will be posted on the HOMEPORT website http://homeport.uscg.mil. If you have any questions, please call MSU Port Arthur at (409) 723-6500.

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